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SUBJECT: ITU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL: SECOND WEEK SITREP 3

REF: (A) GENEVA 4052; (B) GENEVA 4214

1. IN SECOND WEEK, ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL DECIDED TO:
(A) APPROVE THE REGRADING PLAN WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT
CHANGE (DOC. 5022); (B) APPROVE REORGANIZATION PLAN FOR
THE BOARD (IFRB) WITH ONE MINOR CHANGE (DOC. 5035); (C)
REJECT SYG'S PROPOSAL TRANSFER TWELVE POSITIONS FROM
THE PUBLICATIONS TO THE REGULAR BUDGET (DOC. 5030);
(D) PRESS ITU CASE BEFORE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR
REIMBURSEMENT OF 1976 OVERHEAD COST OVERRUN OF \$157,000
AND (E) ASK UNDP TO REVERSE ITS DECISION TO ELIMINATE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGIONAL EXPERTS. AGREEMENT HAS NOT
BEEN REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM SPECIAL FUNDING OR -
AS SOME LDC'S WOULD HAVE - FROM THE REGULAR BUDGET.
THERE IS INITIAL AGREEMENT ON THE SCHEDULING OF CCI
MEETINGS AND ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE (WARCS)
BUT THERE WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSION IN PLENARY. THE
LENGTH OF THE PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF THE RADIO CCIR
(DOC. 5041) HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. END SUMMARY

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2. PLENARY: ALL ADMINISTRATIVE AGREED THAT IT WAS
NOT ADVISABLE TO CONSULT THE ITU MEMBERSHIP REGARDING
A POSSIBLE EXCEEDING OF THE 1978 CONFERENCE BUDGET
CEILING BUT DECIDED INSTEAD TO CONSIDER THE FINANCIAL
OPTIONS OF DEC. 5081. COUNCIL APPROVED REGIONAL PLAN
COMMITTEES SCHEDULED FOR 1978 AND WILL CONSIDER ADDING
MEETINGS OF TWO SPECIAL CCITT TARIFF GROUPS FOR LATIN

AMERICA AND AFRICA (TAL AND TAF: DOC. 5033, ADDENDUM 2). COUNCIL HAS NOT YET AGREED ON LENGTH OF CCIR PLENARY ASSEMBLY WITH SOME MEMBERS FAVORING TWO WEEKS AND OTHERS TWO AND ONE-HALF WEEKS. REGARDING THE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING FORMAL RELATIONS WITH INTELSAT, THE SECRETARY GENERAL EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS AWAITING A REPLY FROM INTELSAT TO HIS LETTER. COUNCIL REJECTED A REQUEST BY INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN ITU ACTIVITIES.

3. COMMITTEE ONE (FINANCE):

(A) COMMITTEE REJECTED DOC. 5030 PROPOSING THE TRANSFER OF STAFF FROM THE PUBLICATIONS BUDGET. IN 1976, COUNCIL APPROVED THE TRANSFER OF NINE STAFF POSITIONS REQUESTED BUT IT NOW CONSIDERED THAT TRANSFER OF TWELVE OF THE REMAINING THIRTEEN WAS PREMATURE.

(B) COMMITTEE NOTED WITHOUT HOSTILE COMMENT FULL PAYMENT OF THE ARREARS OF SOUTH AFRICA (DOC. 5029). IT DECIDED TO ASK FIPOI TO KEEP AVAILABLE TO THE UNION SF 2.5 MILLION ORIGINALLY SET ASIDE FOR THE EXPALNSION OF THE ITU HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, AND NOTED THE IMPROVED SITUATION OF THE SPECIAL ARREARS ACCOUNT (DOC. 5042, REV. 1). COMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED RESOLUTIONS WIRTING OFF THE DEBTS OF THE NAVSAT (US) AND ENTEL (BRAZIL) AS THEY APPARENTLY HAVE CEASED TO EXIST (DOC. 5045, REV. 1). THE SYG ANNOUNCED THAT FUNDS OBTAINED FROM THE SWISS PTT AS THE RESULT OF A NEW ISSUE OF ITU STAMPS HAS ALLOWED THE UNION TO PAY OFF AND CLOSE THE ACCOUNT FOR SPECIAL INTEREST ON ARREARS (DOC. 5046). COUNCIL UNCLASSIFIED

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DECIDED TO USE REMAINING STAMP MONIES TO PAY OFF THAT PORTION OF THE 1972-1974 T.C. BUDGET OVERRUNS RELATED TO FUNDS-IN-TRUST WITH UNDP HAD DECLINED TO REIMBURSE TO ITU (DOC. 5033, PAGE 129).

4. COMMITTEE TWO (PERSONNEL): THE COMMITTEE DEVOTED THE BULK OF FIVE SESSIONS TO THE OVERALL STAFF REGRADING PLAN (DOC. 5022) AND TO THE REORGANIZATION OF THE IFRB (DOC. 5035 AND 5036).

(A) THE REGARDING PLAN WAS ACCEPTED WITH THE CONDITION THAT THE SYG AGREED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF THE COUNCIL IN IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN. THIS WAS INTENDED TO EMPHASIZE FACT THAT POSITIONS WERE BEING REGRADED, NOT INDIVIDUALS, AND THAT ANY SUBSEQUENT PROMOTIONS SHOULD NOT BE AUTOMATIC BUT FULLY IN ACCORD WITH THE STAFF REGULATIONS. GENERAL SERVICE POSITIONS UPGRADED TO PROFESSIONAL STATUS WOULD BE OFFERED TO COMPETITION. IT WAS AGREED TO ACCEPT A JANUARY 1, 1977 DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AS PROMISED BY THE 31ST SESSION.

(B) THE IFRB REORGANIZATION WAS ACCEPTED WITH A SMALL CHANGE TO NOTE 3, PAGE 19, DOC. 5035 WHICH PROPOSED DOWNGRADING OF SIX P-3 POSTS TO P-2. COMMITTEE AGREED TO IFRB PROPOSAL TO REVIEW THE DUTIES AND LEVEL OF THE SIX POSTS UPON THE DEPARTURE OF EACH INCUMBENT. USDEL EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT DESCRIPTION OF OBJECTIVES CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT COULD BE INTERPRETED AS EXPANDING IFRB AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS DEFINED IN THE CONVENTION AND THE RADIO REGULATIONS. IFRB CHAIRMAN ASSURED COUNCIL THAT SUCH WAS NOT THE INTENTION OF THE DOCUMENT. COUNCIL AGREED THAT RECORD WOULD INCLUDE STATEMENT OF IFRB PRESIDENT.

(C) LAST YEAR'S REQUEST FOR EXPERTS TO BE PROVIDED GRATIS BY ADMINISTRATIONS WHO WOULD EXAMINE IFRB SYSTEM NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES HAD PRODUCED NO VOLUNTEERS. THE IFRB PREFERS EXPERTS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES AND WITH COMPUTER UNCLASSIFIED

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BACKGROUND. THE U.S. REP STATED WILLINGNESS TO SUPPLY ONE COMPUTER SYSTEMS EXPERT FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH WITH THE REST OF HIS SERVICE ACCOMPLISHED BY CORRESPONDENCE. U.S. WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS PRECISELY WHAT KIND OF EXPERT IS DESIRED THIS FALL.

5. COMMITTEE THREE (TECHNICAL COOPERATION):

(A) COMMITTEE DEVOTED MOST OF ITS TIME TO CONSIDERATION OF DOC. 5064 REGARDING THE FUTURE OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION AT THE ITU. COMMITTEE AGREED TO THE DESIRABILITY OF MAINTAINING THE SERVICES OF AT LEAST SOME OF TC REGIONAL EXPERTS IN LATIN AMERICA, AFRICA AND ASIA. IT WAS AGREED THAT (1) THE SYG WOULD ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE UNDP DIRECTOR MORSE OF IMPORTANCE OF EXTENSION AND (2) THAT COUNCIL MEMBERS WHOSE COUNTRIES ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF UNDP GOVERNING BOARD WOULD APPROACH THEIR OWN AUTHORITIES TO TRY TO PERSUADE THEM TO SUPPORT THIS EXTENSION IN UNDP GOVERNING BOARD. EACH REPRESENTATIVE COSTS APPROXIMATELY \$60,000 ANNUALLY TO MAINTAIN.

(B) SHOULD UNDP FINANCING NOT BE AVAILABLE OR SUFFICIENTLY AVAILABLE, FINANCING OF REGIONAL REPS FROM ITU SOURCES HAS BEEN STRONGLY URGED BY LDC'S. SUGGESTIONS HAVE INCLUDED MONEY FROM SWISS ITU STAMP ISSUE (SF 215,000 PRESENTLY REMAINING WITH AVERAGE OF SF 250,000 AVAILABLE ANNUALLY FOR FUTURE) AND INTEREST ON CAPITAL AND MEMBERS' LATE CONTRIBUTIONS (ESTIMATES RANGE FROM SF 500,000 (SYG) TO SF 60,000 (DEPTUY SYG). UNDESIRABILITY OF USING REGULAR BUDGET FOR TC FINANCING MAKES USE OF INTEREST SUSPECT IN MANY DC EYES. DISCUSSION CONTINUES NEXT WEEK.

(C) SYG MILI INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT UNDP ADMINISTRATOR MORSE IS REQUESTING HIS GOVERNING COUNCIL

TO CONSIDER WRITING OFF THE ITU 1976 TC ADMINISTRATIVE
OVERHEAD DEFICIT OF SF 400,000 (\$157,000) AT ITS
MEETING BEGINNING NEXT WEEK IN GENEVA. SORENSON

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